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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Chowdhary, et al.  
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RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the second restriction requirement in this case, mailed out by the Examiner on August 14, 2001 (the "2nd Restriction Requirement"), Applicants make provisional elections as set forth in this paper, subject to the traversals and reservations also set forth in this paper.

**Remarks:**

1. Applicants note that the 2nd Restriction Requirement makes no express disposition of Applicants' response to the first restriction requirement in this case, such response filed under by Applicants on April 25, 2001. A telephone conversation between Applicants' attorney and Examiner